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TAGS: MASS, TH

SUBJ: KRIT ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. CHARGE, ACCCOMPANIED BY A/DCM AND DEP COMUS MACTHAI, MET WITH GENERALS KRIT SIWARA AND KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN APRIL 25. DURING MEETING, QUESTION OF POSSIBLE ACQUISITION BY THAILAND OF MAP-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT FROM CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM WAS DISCUSSED.

2. CHARGE TOOK OCCASION ONCE AGAIN TO MAKE POINT THAT TITLE REVERTED TO U.S. KRIT AND KRIANGSAK WELCOMED THIS STATEMENT, SINCE THEY WISH TO PUT EQUIPMENT BEYOND REACH OF THAI CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT THAT MIGHT WISH TO USE IT IN MAKING DEALS WITH SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENTS IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. KRIANGSAK HAD IN FACT HIMSELF DRAFTED LETTER FOR CHARGE'S SIGNATURE, ADVISING SUPREME COMMAND IN WRITING OF U.S. TITLE TO EQUIPMENT (WE WILL SEND SUCH LETTER).

3. CHARGE WENT ON TO EXPRESS EXPECTATION THAT THAILAND WOULD IN FACT GET FIRST CRACK AT CAMBODIAN MAP EQUIPMENT IN THAILAND, ALTHOUGH U.S. DECISIONS ON DISPOSITION WERE STILL TO BE MADE. AS TO MAP EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT EMERGE FROM VIETNAM, IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN WHAT WOULD COME, AND AGAIN, DECISIONS ON DISPOSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. IT WAS

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NOT EXCLUDED THAT THAILAND MIGHT RECEIVE SOME BENEFIT.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THAILAND SHOULD BE GIVEN FIRST CRACK AT ALL CAMBODIAN MAP AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON DECISIONS TO THAT EFFECT. EXPECTATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE WINDFALL IS, AT LEAST IN PART, BEHIND THAI RUPREME COMMAND'S EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD VARIOUS U.S. OPERATIONS PLANNED OR ALREADY GOING FORWARD IN CONNECTION WITH EVACUATION OF VIETNAM.

5. WE ALSO URGE THAT THAILAND BE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY TO RECEIVE APPROPRIATE MAP ITEMS THAT MAY EMERGE FROM VIETNAM, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE STAGED INTO THAILAND.

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